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Re: CC Docket No. 02-6 Monday, April

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Request for Review

Applicant Name: Holy Cross School

Billed Entity Number: 10770
Form 471 Application Number: 408457
Funding Request Number: 1119516
Funding Year: 2004-2005

Dear Sir:

I am appealing the "Denied" decision of the SLD in regard to my original appeal for funding of our school's Plain Ordinary Telephone Service (POTS). In our original request for funding, approximately 38% of the request were one time charges that were not eligible for funding. The ineligible charges were included inadvertently and there was no intention to mislead. As a result of this inadvertent error the entire funding request was denied in its entirety. We feel that denying the entire request is unfair, and that a fair solution would be to reduce the original request by the 38% error. As the SLD is aware, that even though the request was overstated, the amount that eventually would be paid out of the original funding request would be only the actual amount of the POTS charges and thus the original funding request would not be fully utilized and the balance would be returned to the USAC.

We are a financially poor inner city school and rely greatly on the USAC program to fund our telecommunications services. The decision of the SLD places a financial hardship on our school, which is currently in financial distress, and only adds on to our increasing financial problems. We do understand the need for strict rules but in any process there should always be an avenue of redress, especially in circumstances where mistakes are made unknowingly and without intent to deceive. Certainly this is the case for our school.

We sincerely hope you will reverse the full denial and decide to reduce our original funding request to the proper amount.

Sincerely, Raymond F. Medina Assistant Principal